

St Bernadette's School Newsletter - 12

Wednesday 10th August 2022



PRAYER TO ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

*Lord God, You called Mary MacKillop to serve you.
She spent her life caring for and teaching kids and
inspired others to join with her.
Through your love she lived a life which gave people hope.
Today we share that hope.
Bless all who continue her work and may they and St
Mary of the Cross continue to be a source of hope for us
all. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.
St Mary of the Cross - Pray for us
St Bernadette - Pray for us.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday 8th August, the Catholic Church celebrated the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop — Australia's first saint. Her life and faith continues to inspire and guide us. Mary MacKillop lived a life of compassion, kindness, humility and patience - many of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Mary was a woman of courage and determination, providing education and hope for those in need. There is much in her life to celebrate and give thanks for today.

On Monday, the children and staff enjoyed a wonderful performance by a talented duo from Story Quest. The performance focussed on some of the books short-listed for the CBCA Bookweek awards. To help you talk to your children about this performance here is a short synopsis:

I've been dreaming . . . Marley wakes up full of excitement and expectation. She's been dreaming that she has written the most marvellous story and now she's awake it's time to set about making it happen. However, the road to creating her story is much more difficult than it first seems.

Thank you to those families that have logged on to OPEROO and completed the verification tasks for their child/children. All parent/carer communication will now be going out via Operoo. If you need help to log in, then please contact Ms Chapman on hcfuehn@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct school uniform each day. With PE and dance rehearsals during the week, I realise that this can be difficult to keep on track, however, we have such a lovely uniform here at St Bernadette's, so I encourage all students to wear it correctly and proudly.

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they continue to prepare to receive this special sacrament on Thursday 18th August. We ask that the following students will be open to confirming the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in their lives:

*Erin, Julian, Kang, Kimberley, Johnathan, Aaliyah, Lorenzo,
Penelope, Selina, Zaria, Khoi Mike, Tiana, Ruby, Matilda,
Trinity, Leanne, Gia Huy, Bethany, Jaylee, Antonella,
Linh, Wendy, Max, Xavier and Hayden*

This week we welcome Ms Lana Frost to the staff of St Bernadette's. Ms Frost will be taking on the role of Maths Enrichment Program Facilitator. This program was previously run by Mr Giovanni Vitali, who resigned from this position to pursue other teaching opportunities. We welcome Ms Frost to St B's, while at the same time thanking Mr Giovanni for his contribution to the students, staff and community of St Bernadette's.

ST BERNADETTE'S BEANIES

St Bernadette's Beanies are NOW AVAILABLE for purchase from the office. The Beanies are \$15 each. Please be sure to WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE TAG inside the beanie.

CANTEEN

Due to the excitement of the canteen reopening at recess, it has become very busy with long lines of students waiting. To make things safer and fairer the canteen will be open to certain grades each day.

Monday - Preps, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday - Year 3 and Year 4

Friday - Year 5 and Year 6

Students will only be able to purchase ONE item at recess.

Have a great week everyone.

Brendan Gill

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3:

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| - August 8th - 11th | Dental Van at St Bernadette's |
| - August 15th | Feast of the Assumption |
| - Thursday 18th August | Year 1/2 excursion to Scienceworks |
| - Thursday 18th August | Confirmation for Year 6 children at 7:00pm |
| - Friday 19th August | Year 7 2024 Catholic Secondary School enrolments close |
| - August 22nd - 26th | Bookweek - "Dreaming with Eyes Open" |
| - Friday 2nd September | Fathers' Day Mass and Breakfast |
| - Monday 5th September | Year 5/6 Market Day |
| - Friday 9th September | Year 3 Activity Day |
| - September 12th - 13th | Year 4 Camp at Sunnystones |
| - Friday 16th September | Term 3 finishes at 1:00pm |

CURRENT COVID ADVICE

As we are already seeing in the news, winter has seen an increase in the spread of cold, flu and COVID. I encourage you all to continue monitoring closely the health and wellbeing of yourself and your children. If your children are not feeling well, please do not send them to school. Thank you for everything you are doing to keep our school open and safe.

I have been asked to pass on the following information:

Parents/carers who are COVID positive

Parents/carers are able to leave isolation, if other arrangements cannot be made, to transport their non-infectious child via private vehicle to and/or from school. The person leaving self-isolation must travel directly to and from the location, making no stops, unless there is an emergency or as required by law. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to deliver the person to and from school, and must wear a face covering whilst outside the place of self-isolation.

Face masks

Schools are asked to remind staff, students and families that the current advice from the Victorian government is that it is recommended face masks are worn in indoor settings (except for close contacts, who **must** wear a mask indoors unless an exception applies).

Expanded eligibility for fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has updated its recommendations around fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccination. From Monday 11 July 2022, people over 30 years will be eligible for a fourth dose. ATAGI recommends that people aged 50 to 64 years should have their fourth dose, while those aged 30 to 49 years may choose to have a fourth dose. For further information see the ATAGI website.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC

Experience Music is offering their program to the students at St Bernadette's.

For more information and how to enrol, please visit

www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment.



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A reminder that all dates appear on the school website www.stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding what's in the newsletter, please contact me via the school number or email principal@stbsunshinenth.catholic.edu.au.

GOD LOVES US - LET US LOVE GOD

